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I'll expect to hear from you
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¹ We are requesting another public comment hearing, here in Las Vegas, on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Proposed Yucca Mountain High-Level Nuclear Dump in Nye County, NV. This hearing is necessary in order for the Department of Energy (DOE) to address the concerns and comments of the people of Las Vegas. We also request that the deadline for comments be extended to allow for more national hearings to take place. The DEIS includes routes which go through 109 major population centers across the country. The people in these areas also have the right to comment publicly on this proposal which could potentially affect them for thousands and thousands of years.

On January 11, 2000 at the Grant Sawyer Bldg, hundreds of people were unable to get into the room to take part in the last regional public comment session on the DEIS, because of limited room space. This lack of preparation from DOE is appalling, if you can't plan a public meeting, how can we trust you to plan a nuclear waste dump?

The hearing room was so crowded that people were unable to get inside for the question and answer period, or even to get into the hallway to sign up to speak and make their comments. This may have been the last time that the people of Las Vegas could have their questions addressed in a public forum, but they were denied.

Did the DOE really think that in a city of 1.2 million people only 70 (0.0000583% of population) would care enough about their future to attend this meeting? Nevadans have not forgotten the above ground nuclear weapons tests that we were told were "safe", nor have we forgotten that the "low-level" dump in Beatty is actually leaking plutonium past its fences, or that the highly contaminated radioactive groundwater at the Nevada Test Site is getting closer and closer. The people who did get a chance to speak at the hearing said, sang it and shouted it over and over Nevada is not the nation's nuclear dumping ground.

The Department is famous for going over budget and over time on most of its projects, and when it comes to these long-lived radioactive materials a rushed decision will negatively effect all the living things. By law, you are required to give everyone an equal opportunity to present their views, this did not happen here in Las Vegas. For this reason we are demanding another public comment hearing in Las Vegas, and an extension to the DEIS comment deadline.

I look forward to your immediate response on this matter.

cc: LV Review Journal
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In Peace,
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